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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 02/24/2010 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jung et al. (US Patent 7,401,100 – hereinafter Jung), Kikuchi et al. (US Patent 5,870,523 – hereinafter Kikuchi), and Apte et al. (US Patent 6,269,373 – hereinafter Apte).

Regarding claim 1, Jung discloses a playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium (*column 3, lines 32-35*), the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream (*column 3, lines 32-35; column 4, lines 62—column 5, line 6; column 7, lines 34-44*), the video stream including control information in form of VOB time tables (*column 6, lines 56-63*), and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and time information in form of VOB corresponding to each image (*column 4, lines 49-51; column 5, lines 45-49; column 6, lines 63-65; column 6, lines 56-63*), the playback apparatus comprising: a storage ("Content Buffer

12" in Fig. 1); a player successively plays the video according to the control information (column 6, lines 56-63); an image plane (column 4, lines 51-55); a platform including a processor, the platform interpreting and executing predetermined codes and causing the processor to execute Java and API codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the time table in form of VOBUs corresponding to each image in the storage (column 4, lines 49-51; column 5, lines 45-49; column 6, lines 63-65; column 6, lines 56-67; column 3, lines 36-38; "Content Buffer 12" in Fig. 1); an image to be rendered from among the plurality of images stored in the storage based on a specified location in the VOBUs time table of the video included in the control information, and time information in form of VOBUs corresponding to each image stored in the storage memory (column 4, lines 49-51; column 6, lines 56-67; also see "Response to Arguments" above); and a compositor that superimposes the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during playback of the video (column 4, lines 51-55).

However, Jung does not explicitly disclose the processor that executes native codes and the platform interpreting and executing predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into the native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes; the time table in form of VOBUs for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of the video stream, and the time table in form of VOBUs comprises rendition time corresponding to each image.

Apte discloses a platform including a processor that executes native codes and the platform interpreting and executing predetermined codes by converting the

predetermined codes into the native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes (column 6, lines 46-57; column 11, lines 41-53).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to incorporate the teachings of Apte into the playback apparatus disclosed by Jung. Converting high-level codes, e.g. Java codes, into native codes is required because it is the native codes that the processor can directly execute. In case the high-level codes are implemented using Java, another advantage is that the codes can be developed independently from the running platforms (*Apte, column 11, lines 30-53*).

However, Jung and Apte do not disclose the time table in form of VOB for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of the video stream, and the time table in form of VOB comprises rendition time corresponding to each image.

Kikuchi discloses the video stream including control information as time table in form of VOB for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream (*column 18, line 44 – column 9, line 4*), and the time table in form of VOB comprises rendition time corresponding to each VOB (*column 18, line 44 – column 9, line 4*).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to incorporate the time table in form of VOB for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of video of the video stream and comprising rendition time disclosed by Kikuchi into Jung in order to make the playback apparatus

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capable of playing back video streams and images in accordance with MPEG existing standards.

Claim 8 is rejected for the same reason as discussed in claim 1 above.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Q. Dang whose telephone number is (571)270-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on IFT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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